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[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/70/943)*]

70/288. Financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy

The General Assembly,

Recalling section XIV of its resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994 and its resolution 62/231 of 22 December 2007,

Recalling also its decision 50/500 of 17 September 1996 on the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 69/309 of 25 June 2015,

Recalling further its resolution 56/292 of 27 June 2002 concerning the establishment of the strategic deployment stocks and its subsequent resolutions on the status of the implementation of the strategic deployment stocks, the latest of which was resolution 69/309,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Reiterating the importance of establishing an accurate inventory of assets,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the facilities provided by the Government of Italy to the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, and by the Government of Spain to the secondary active telecommunications facility in Valencia, Spain;

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006, 61/276 of 29 June 2007, 64/269 of 24 June 2010, 65/289 of 30 June 2011, 66/264 of 21 June 2012, 69/307 of 25 June 2015 and 70/286 of 17 June 2016, as well as other relevant resolutions;

[1] A/70/609 and A/70/779.
[2] A/70/742/Add.9.

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4. *Recalls* paragraph 20 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to resubmit proposals for the official designation of the facility in Valencia;

5. *Underlines* the fact that the provision by the Global Service Centre of support to clients should be carried out within the terms of the relevant General Assembly mandates;

6. *Recalls* paragraphs 37 and 38 of the report of the Advisory Committee, requests the Secretary-General to entrust the Office of Internal Oversight Services of the Secretariat with the conduct of a review and evaluation covering the level, size and composition of strategic deployment stocks, rotation processes, governance and clearing-house policy and their value in view of historical utilization trends, as well as their contribution to faster mission start-up and expansion, and requests the Secretary-General to report thereon to the General Assembly at the second part of its resumed seventy-first session, with a view to the Assembly taking a decision on the write-off and replenishment of strategic deployment stocks;

7. *Also recalls* paragraph 37 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to entrust the Office of Internal Oversight Services with the conduct of an audit, including a review of procedures, policies and internal controls;

8. *Notes* the ongoing centralization effort regarding geospatial information systems and the reorganization of the Geospatial Information Systems Section;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to present, in the next report on the budget for the United Nations Logistics Base, comprehensive and updated information on the Service for Geospatial, Information and Telecommunications Technologies and its client missions, including resource requirements at the client missions, the status of outputs, the utilization of such outputs and the impact of the Service on mandate delivery;

10. *Stresses* that any decisions taken on the operational needs of the Service for Geospatial, Information and Telecommunications Technologies should be in full compliance with all relevant rules and regulations of the United Nations, and requests the Secretary-General to keep track of and record all relevant decisions taken in this regard, along with any expenditures incurred, and to report on the matter in the context of the relevant performance report;

11. *Recalls* paragraph 72 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides to approve the conversion of five general temporary assistance positions (1 P-5, 1 P-3, 3 P-2) to posts in the Geospatial Information Systems Section;

12. *Also recalls* paragraph 29 of the report of the Advisory Committee, expresses its concern at the continued lack of progress made towards improving the performance and enhancing the effectiveness of the Strategic Air Operations Centre, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure strict and full implementation of the standard operating procedures related to strategic and out-of-mission-area flights;

13. *Further recalls* paragraph 93 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and encourages the Secretary-General to continue to develop a scalability model for the United Nations Logistics Base, taking into account support requirements related to the provision of hosting services for information and communications technologies and enterprise data centre services to the Secretariat as a whole, as well as benefits derived from Umoja, and to report thereon in the context of his next report;

14. *Recalls* paragraphs 40 and 91 of the Advisory Committee, stresses that indicators of achievement should be measurable, objective and meaningful, and urges the Secretariat to review the indicators of achievement to ensure that they provide a meaningful assessment of the achievements of the United Nations Logistics Base;

15. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to provide in future budget submissions a breakdown of resource requirements and expenditures, including performance targets and actual achievements in service delivery for the United Nations Logistics Base and for the secondary active telecommunications facility in Valencia, and to include the corresponding information in performance reports;

16. *Takes note* of paragraph 73 of the report of the Advisory Committee, decides not to abolish four posts (2 P-4 and 2 P-3) in the Standing Police Capacity tenant unit, and decides to abolish five posts (1 P-4, 2 P-3 and 2 national General Service) in the Integrated Training Service tenant unit, effective 1 January 2017;

Budget performance report for the period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015

17. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the United Nations Logistics Base for the period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015;[3]

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017

18. *Approves* the cost estimates for the United Nations Logistics Base amounting to 82,857,800 United States dollars for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017;

Financing of the budget estimates

19. *Decides* that the requirements for the United Nations Logistics Base for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 shall be financed as follows:

(*a*) The unencumbered balance and other income in the amount of 4,605,500 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2015, to be applied against the resources required for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017;

(*b*) The balance of 78,252,300 dollars, to be prorated among the budgets of the active peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017;

(*c*) The estimated staff assessment income of 5,688,600 dollars, comprising the amount of 5,917,100 dollars for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 and the decrease of 228,500 dollars in respect of the period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015, to be offset against the balance referred to in subparagraph (*b*) above, to be prorated among the budgets of the individual active peacekeeping operations;

20. *Also decides* to consider at its seventy-first session the question of the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base.

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[3] A/70/609.